

On Another Trip To The Antarctic

The sixth and last vessel of the 33rd Soviet Antarctic Expedition has left Leningrad. The diesel-electric powered scientific research vessel Mikhail Somov is once again on its way to the Antarctic. It is its thirteenth Antarctic cruise and it will last more than five months.

More than one hundred seamen, scientists, and specialists have set off on this long journey. The crew is commanded by Captain F. Pes'-yakov, who is guiding a vessel to the white continent for the fourth time.

At the Arctic and Antarctic Scientific Research Institute, this correspondent was informed that these transport operations will involve four Soviet stations. This detachment will carry out a program of studies in the waters of the high southern latitudes. There are four specialists from Bulgaria aboard the vessel. The Soviet polar explorers are helping them to select a site for the eventual establishment of the first permanent Bulgarian scientific station on the sixth continent. A group of participants from the station of the German Democratic Republic that was recently inaugurated on Queen Maud Land is also making the transoceanic passage along with their Bulgarian colleagues.

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